

**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q78647

Andre APRIOU, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/725,003

Group Art Unit: 1762

Confirmation No.: 3151

Examiner: Bret P. CHEN

Filed: December 2, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PLASMA BUILDUP OF AN OPTICAL FIBER  
PREFORM, WHILE REDUCING NITROGEN OXIDES

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 31, 2008 to April 30, 2009.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$1110.00 and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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